Coverage of Mayur Vihar, Vasundhra Enclave etc. under MRTS

2353. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the areas, namely Mayur Vihar, Vasundhra Enclave and NOIDA are proposed to be covered by the Delhi Metro Rail System;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time schedule for covering those areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir. These areas are not covered by the approved Delhi MRTS Phase-I scheme presently under implementation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

New Rent Control Act

2354. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to discard the Land Ceiling Act and introduce a new Rent Control Act;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the same;

(c) by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(d) to what extent this new Rent Control Act will be useful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act was repealed in January, 1999 and this has no bearing on the Rent Control Act.

(b) and (c) The relation between a landlord and a tenant in the National Capital of Delhi are presently governed by the Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958. This Act was amended in 1960, 1963, 1976, 1984 and 1988. In 1992 a Model Rent Control Legislation was formulated by the Central Government and circulated to State Governments to enable them to carry out necessary amendments to their prevailing rent control laws. In the light of the Model Law, it was decided to amend the rent control law prevailing in Delhi. As the amendments were extensive and substantial in nature, it was decided to repeal the Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958 and replace it by a new Act. Accordingly, the Delhi Rent Act, 1995 was enacted in 1995. The new Act namely, Delhi Rent Act, 1995 has, however, not came into force so far primarily due to the representations received from tenants. The matter was examined again by the Government and it was decided in 1997 to carry out amendments in the Delhi Rent Act, 1995 before bringing it into force. Accordingly, the Delhi Rent (Amendment) Bill, 1997 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 28.7.1997. The Bill was then referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban and Rural Development to examine and report. The Committee submitted its report on 21.12.2000. The Government examined the Report of the Committee and accepted all its recommendations. A notice for moving official amendments has also been given to the Secretary General, Rajya Sabha. After the Bill is passed by the Parliament and assented to by the President, the Act alongwith amendments will be brought into force.

(d) On enactment, the Bill envisages to minimise distortions in the rental housing market and encourage the supply of rental housing both from the existing and the new housing stock.

Vacation of government accommodation by employees of Minto Road Press

2355. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Press employees of Minto Road Press have not vacated the Government accommodation